



CROSSENS NURSERY SCHOOL

Confident Children, Lifelong Learners
Success at the heart of the Community

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Welcome!

A very WARM welcome to all our new children and their families.

It has been lovely to see returning children settling back into nursery and new children becoming involved and learning their new routines so well!

We know that settling in to nursery can be a challenge for children and parents, and want to reassure you that we will do our utmost to work with you to support each child to settle.

If there is anything you wish to discuss or bring to our attention, then please ring the school and a staff member will be happy to talk to you.

LEARNING CHALLENGES

We hope you enjoy working with your child on the **Learning Challenge Booklets** we send home each half term.

Our aim is to share some ideas about how you can support your child's learning at home.

We greatly value your feedback about your child's interests and development in their learning and each section of the booklet provides you with the opportunity to tell us how your child has enjoyed the suggested activities.

Please note, the set of 'Wow Moment' forms for you to let us know about something wonderful your child has achieved (this could be learning to ride their bike or trying a different type of food...) and the section for you to **provide feedback** about your child's enjoyment of their library book, for the children in the 3 & 4 year old room and a reading book for children in the 2 year old room.

We ask that you return the completed booklet at the **end of each half term** so key workers can review them. We will store each of these in your child's Learning Journal.

PARKING ON SITE

As you will be aware this is a busy site housing 4 different schools, two of which care for children with complex learning needs. In order to ensure the health and safety of children, families and other visitors to the schools on site **parents and carers are not permitted to park on site at any time.**

Please help us to sustain good relationships with our neighbouring schools by parking considerately on Larkfield Lane or Preston New Road.

Cold Weather Clothing – Reminder

Please ensure your child is appropriately dressed for working outside.

This should include a suitable coat, with a hood, which enables them to move comfortably, remembering that they are likely to get muddy or wet when working outside.

For health and safety reasons please do not send your child to school with a scarf.

A plain hat and gloves will be enough to ensure they are warm when working outside.



We continue to focus on the development of children's healthy eating habits and their understanding of healthy food.

In Nursery School we support this through the availability of a healthy snack, which usually consists of cereal and milk, fruit or vegetables or dried fruits. Occasionally our snack may include something different, particularly if we are using this as a learning experience.

We rely on your donations of £8 per half term to fund our snack and any money left over contributes to playdough and other consumable resources in the classroom.

We always talk to the children about how they can be healthy by eating well and for those children that stay all day, we extend those discussions to lunchtime.

Please consider the balance of healthy food and 'treats' that you include in your child's lunch box in order to support us in promoting healthy eating.

What are we learning at the moment?

In the 3 & 4 year old room the children have begun to learn how to use 'Beebots'. These are small programmable robots that they can direct to move across squares in different directions.

The children have also been learning about Chinese New Year and how this is celebrated in the UK and across the world.

In Literacy the children have been thinking about 'People who help us' and the roles that these people play within our local community.

A small mysterious door has also found its way into the nursery garden recently, the children have thought carefully about who might live behind this door and collectively prepared letters in response to one that was found by Miss Walmsley. Who does your child think might live behind the door?

January, February and March Diary Dates:

Date	What and where	Who
All Term – one afternoon per week	Mr Cutting is working in school one afternoon a week with children. Teaching woodwork skills.	All 3 and 4 Year Olds
9th and 10th February	Head teacher and Lead Teacher interviews	Governors
Friday 11th February	School Closes for Half Term – School re-opens on Monday 21st February.	Children and Staff
Thursday 3rd March	Governing Board Meeting – 4pm	Governors
3rd March World Book Day	We will be looking at special books all week (further details to follow)	Children and Staff
Week beginning – 14th March	Crossens Nursery School Fundraising - Mother's Day Gift Service	All children who wish to (and for whom we have received order forms) can choose a gift for family members or friends.
Wednesday 30th March	Parents Evening	Parents
Friday 1st April	School Closes for Spring Holiday – School re-opens on Wednesday 20th April.	Children and Staff

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Head teacher